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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of: )  
Tadayuki TSUDA, et al. ) Examiner: Unassigned  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following Abstract for the Abstract starting at page 95, line 2 and ending at page 96, line 11. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

## ABSTRACT

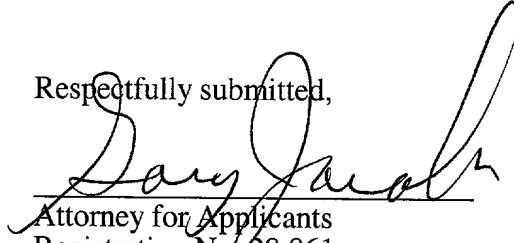
--A process cartridge detachably mountable to a main assembly of an electrophotographic image forming apparatus, includes a developer discharging member; a cartridge positioning portion for engagement with a main assembly positioning portion provided in the main assembly when the cartridge is mounted to the main assembly; a photosensitive member driving force receiving portion for receiving a driving force for rotating the photosensitive member from the main assembly when the cartridge is mounted to the main assembly; and a discharging member driving force receiving portion for receiving a driving force for rotating the developer discharging member from the main assembly when the cartridge is mounted to the main assembly. The rotational directions of the photosensitive member driving force receiving portion and the discharging member driving force receiving portion are the same, and the rotation directions are such that a rotation moment is produced so as to contact the cartridge positioning portion to a lower surface of the main assembly positioning portion of the apparatus.--

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the abstract and provided a clean copy thereof in accordance with the 37 CFR 1.72(b).

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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MARKED-UP AMENDED ABSTRACT

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--A process cartridge detachably mountable to a main assembly of an electrophotographic image forming apparatus, includes a developer discharging member [for discharging a developer accommodated in a developer accommodating portion toward a developing member]; a cartridge positioning portion for engagement with a main assembly positioning portion provided in the main assembly when the cartridge is mounted to the main assembly[, the cartridge positioning portion being disposed at a developer accommodating portion side in a direction crossing with a direction of an axis of an electrophotographic photosensitive member]; a photosensitive member driving force receiving portion for receiving a driving force for rotating the photosensitive member from the main assembly when the cartridge is mounted to the main assembly[, the photosensitive member driving force receiving portion being disposed at a leading side with respect to a direction of mounting the cartridge to the main assembly, wherein the cartridge is mounted to the main assembly in the direction of the axis of the electrophotographic photosensitive member]; and a discharging member driving force receiving portion for receiving a driving force for rotating the developer discharging member from the main assembly when the cartridge is mounted to the main assembly[; wherein]. The rotational directions of the photosensitive member driving force receiving portion and the discharging member driving force receiving portion [when the photosensitive member driving force receiving portion and the discharging member driving force receiving portion receive driving forces from the main assembly,] are the same, and the rotation [of] directions are such that a rotation moment is produced so as to contact the cartridge positioning portion to a lower surface of the main assembly positioning portion of the apparatus.--

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